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Hanna Academy Graduating Senior Alex



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"I was super nervous," he says. "I was worried that I wouldn't fit in here and just wanted to stay home. That seems like a long time ago. Now, I have a totally different perspective."

Today, the graduating senior "feels really good" about his experience at Hanna. "I've made friends and had some great teachers I will miss. I get along with everybody here. The time went by so fast."

Alex's most memorable and enjoyable class was Woodshop, where he learned the basics of sheet metal design, wiring, wood building, welding, plumbing, and more. The instructor, Mr. Snowden,

is also his favorite teacher. "I really enjoyed learning from him," says Alex. "He helped me identify work that I could see making a career out of." Alex is taking his love of welding and furthering his education in the field at Santa Rose Junior College this fall.

Alex is a familiar face to everyone on campus, as he worked on the lunch line with Chefs Eric and Jorma all year. Helping the chefs prepare meals and organize the kitchen was not only educational but also provided a part-time job wage. He learned the important lesson of showing up on time, doing what he was supposed to do, and having a good attitude.

Alex advises incoming freshmen, "Just listen and do



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what you have to do - and don't be rude to staff." Aside from school, Alex discovered a love for billiards, specifically 9-ball, a game he picked up when the Recreation Hall was recently renovated. "Alex displayed a remarkable commitment and dedication to learning the game of pool," says Joe Petersen, Recreation Manager. "He regularly asked his peers and staff members to play so he could enhance his skills and continuously improve."

"I just want to thank everyone who helped me," Alex says, "Because without this place, I probably wouldn't have earned a diploma. I don't know what I would be doing, honestly. I appreciate all the people here at Hanna who supported me in getting this far."

Hanna Academy educates, prepares, and empowers students with learning and emotional challenges to succeed in school and life by developing their unique and individual talents and gifts. The student driven program develops academic, social, and career skills within a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment.



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